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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Norman Rice

For (title): METHOD FOR A RELIABILITY ASSESSMENT, FAILURE PREDICTION
AND OPERATING CONDITION DETERMINATION OF ELECTRIC
EQUIPMENT

1. Type of Application

This application is for a continuation.

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REQUEST FOR NONPUBLICATION OF APPLICATION
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)
37 C.F.R. § 1.213(a)

1. This request is being submitted with this application on filing.
2. **It is requested that this application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).**
3. This is to certify that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Applications (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120, or 121)

The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. applications.
Enclosed are ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE
BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS CLAIMED.

3. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) Application

21 Page(s) of Specification
3 Page(s) of Claims
12 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Formal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

2 Page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney
1 Page(s) of Abstract
2 Page(s) of Application Data Sheet

4. Additional Papers Enclosed

Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)

Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A)

Non-Publication Request

5. Declaration or Oath

Enclosed

Executed by inventor.

6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

7. Language

English

8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

Regular Application									
CLAIMS AS FILED									
	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate		Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$770.00		
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	19	–	20	=	0	x \$	18.00	= \$	0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	2	–	3	=	0	x \$	86.00	= \$	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))						\$	290.00	\$	0.00
Filing Fee Calculation								\$770.00	

9. Assertion of Small Entity Status

Applicant is a small entity. Applicant asserts that it is entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. Section § 1.27.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above Filing Fee Calculation) \$385.00

10. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed Filing Fee \$385.00

Total Fees Enclosed **\$385.00**

11. Method of Payment of Fees

Attached is a check in the amount of \$385.00.

12. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0450.


**ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR
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(37 C.F.R. § 1.78)**

13. Relate Back

This application is a continuation of co-pending application serial no. 09/974,355, issued February 17, 2004 as U.S. Patent No. 6,691,557, which is a continuation of co-pending application serial no. 09/810,934, filed March 16, 2001, now abandoned, which claimed the benefit of provisional application serial no. 60/190,442, filed March 17, 2000.

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